ISSUE OF WHEAT—DETAILS REGARDING

292. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) with the issue of the rice ration has the issue of wheat been made compulsory;

(*b*) what is the price fixed for such compulsory quota of wheat;

(*c*) what has been the weekly off-take of rice in the year 1123;

(*i*) after the purchase of wheat by ration card holders have been made compulsory;

(*ii*) before that?

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Re. 0—8—4 per edangazhi.

(*c*) 1st week of November 1947—2,155.67 tons.

(*i*) 2nd week 2,631.46 ,,
3rd week 2,414.96 ,,
4th week 1,541.56 ,,

(*ii*)

3rd week of August	—2,056.65	tons.
4th week	2,598.41	,,
1st week of September	—1,895.38	,,
2nd week	2,055.09	,,
3rd week	1,948.73	,,
4th week	2,423.75	,,
1st week of October	—1,638.85	,,
2nd week	2,095.28	,,
3rd week	1,726.61	,,
4th week	2,399.67	,,

Note.—(1) The issue of wheat has been made compulsory with effect from 3rd November 1947 (17th Thulam 1123).

(2) The weekly off-take figures are being collected according to the English calendar. Hence the off-take figures are given above for the weeks corresponding to English months.

(3) The scale of ration was changed often during 1123. Hence the off-take variet in each week. The variation is also due to the compulsory issue of wheat and the harvest periods.

CARS ALLOTTED FOR THE STATE FOR 1946 AND 47—BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION

293. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many cars have been allotted for the State in 1946 and 1947;

(*b*) how many of them have been received so far;

(*c*) the names of the persons or institutions to whom the cars have been allotted may also be given;

(*d*) the basis on which the distribution has been made;

(*e*) whether new cars have been allotted to person who have already possessed cars if so, the names of such persons may be stated?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Prime Minister)*:

(*a*) 84.

(*b*) All have been received.

(*c*) Please see list "A" appended. (Appendix II)

(*d*) Essential & Urgent nature of the use is the chief basis.

(*e*) Yes. Please see the list "B" appended. (Appendix II)

2. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS (1) Government Bills—*(cont.)*

(i). The Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Raman Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser)*: I second it, Sir.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Sir, there is a protest from here.

Mrs. Dr. T. Francis *(Ernakulam-Womens)*: Sir, I have agreed to one item only. I raise the objection.....

Mr. President: Order. The agenda is right, because these are the two Bills that have been agreed to be taken up and finally passed today. The others have been posted for the next meeting of the Legislative Council. The Hon'ble lady member was not present.

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APPENDIX II

List "A" Sub-divison (c)

(Please see Question No. 293)

List of gentlemen to whom permits have been issued in 1946 and 1947 to purchase new cars

1. The Chief Engineer — for State use—for 16 cars
2. The Executive Engineer; Mechanical and Electrical Division — " — 11 cars
3. Rama Varmha Tampuran, Reforms Commissioner, Ernakulam
4. Dr. A. K. Menon, Civl Surgeon, Trichur
5. Mr. A. G. Milne, Administrative Officer, Cochin Harbour
6. H. H. Ravi Varmha Tampuran, 55th Prince, Ernakulam
7. Mr. P. Neelakanta Menon, Retired Chief Justice
8. Mr. K. T. Koshi, Puisne Judge, Ernakulam
9. Mr. N. O. Inasu, Engineering Contractor, Trichur
10. H. H. Ravi Varma Thampuran, Income-Tax Officer, Trichur
11. Mr. B. M. Mulloth, Registrar of Co-operative Societies
12. Major C. R. Mannadiar, A. D. C. to H. H. the Maharaja
13. Mr. M. Kumarankutty Menon, Executive Engineer, Mechanical and Electrical Division, Ernakulam
14. Mr. M. M. Paul, Director of Food Supplies
15. Mr. T. Sudhakara Menon, State Geologist
16. Prior, Sacred Heart Convent, Thevara
17. Dr. V. C. Kumaran, Trichur
18. H. H. Rama Varma, Prince of Cochin, Ravi Vihar, Ernakulam
19. Mr. Thandasseri Raman, Peringottukara
20. Mr, C. P. John, Cochin Oil Mills, Kottapuram, Cranganur
21. K. Madhava Menon, Secretary, New India Assurance Co. Ltd., Ernakulam
22. Mr. P. V. Raphael, General Manager, South Indian Bank Ltd., Trichur
23. Mr. K. S. Krishnaswami Iyengar, Chief Justice, Ernakulam
24. Mr. S. Venkiteswaran, Conservator of Forests
25. Mr. Mohammad Kassam Abdul Sathar Sait, Ernakulam
26. H. H. Ravi Varma, 11th Prince of Cochin, Trippunittura
27. Mr. V. O. Abraham, Manager, Cochin State Motors Ltd., Ernakulam
28. Dr. E. Thomas, Dental Surgeon, General Hospital, Ernakulam
29. Dr. A. K. Kunhalu, Ernakulam
30. Mr. P. V. Raphael General Manager, South Indian Bank Ltd,, Trichur
31. Dr. E. S. R. Menon, Director of Public Health
32. H. H. Kerala Varma, 38th Prince, Ernakulam
33. Mr. I. I. Iyyappan, Rice & Oil Mills, Trichur
34. Mr. P. V. Jocob, B. A., B. L., Ernakulam
35. Mr. K. J. Francis, Trichur
36. Mr. P. S. Sivaramakrishna Iyer, Pioneer Lorry Service, Trichur
37. Mr. A. G. Krishna Shenoi, Ernakulam
38. Paliam Estate for the use of Valia Achan
39. Dr. V. N. Krishna Iyer, Trichur
40. Mr. K. M. Augustine, Palai Central Bank, Ernakulam
41. G. S. Dhara Singh, M. L. C. Mattancheri
42. R. M. Alagappa Chettiar, Alagappanagar
43. Dr. Ipe, Assistant Surgeon, Irinjalakkuda
44. Mr. N. K. Menon, General Manager, Cochin Insurance Co. Ltd., Ernakulam
45. M/s Sitaram Spinning & Weaving Mills Ltd., Trichur
46. Dr. V. K. Menon, Ernakulam
47. Mr. V. K. R. Menon, Director of Panchayats, Trichur
48. His Grace The Arch Bishop, Ernakulam
49. Mr. M. U. Issac, Advocate, Ernakulam

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50. Mr. K. Natarajan Chettiar, M.L.C., Nemmara
51. Mr. S. Govinda Menon, High Court Judge, Ernakulam
52. Mr. P. A. Mohammed Ashroff, M.L.C., Ernakulam
53. Mr. T. K, Paul, Manaloor
54. H. H. Kerala Varma, 5th Prince, Trippunithura
55. Mr. P. C. Cherian, Ernakulam
56. Mr. M. C. Verghese, Ernakulam
57. M/S South Indian Corporation Ltd., Ernakulam
58. Mr. K. K. Francis, General Merchant, Trichur
59. Mr. M. D. Verghese, Central Bank of India Ltd., Trichur
60. Rao Sahib T. Verghese, Chief Medical Officer

"B" Sub-division (e)

Names of persons who possessed cars and to whom new cars have been allotted.

1. Mr. N. O. Inasu, Trichur
2. Mr. C. R. Mannadiar
3. Mr. M. M. Paul
4. Mr. K. Madhava Menon
5. Dr. A. K. Kunhalu
6. Mr. V. K. R. Menon
7. Rama Varma Thampuran

APPENDIX III

THE COCHIN PANCHAYAT ACT (AMENDING) BILL

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Cochin Panchayat Act, XX of 1120 it is hereby enacted as follows.—

I. This Act may be called the Cochin Panchayat (Amendment Act of 1122.

II. It shall come into force at once.

III. Substitute the following for Section 11 of the Panchayat Act, XX of 1120.—

"11. No person shall be qualified for election to any seat on a Panchayat unless

(a) his name appears on the Electoral Roll

(b) and he has completed his twentyfith year of age".

Statement of Objects and Reasons

It is not necessary to fix any literacy or property qualification for a voter to stand as a candidate for election. This is not insisted on in the case of a candidate seeking election to the Legislative Council. Literacy or property qualifications is no test of political education. However, it is not likely that the electorate would elect an illiterate as their representative. Moreover, this literacy qualification would create complications in fixing as to what should be the test of literacy. Hence this Bill.

(Sd.)
P. K. DEWER

APPENDIX IV

THE WOMEN'S FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO PROPERTY BILL

Whereas it is deemed expedient to provide that the shares of sons and daughters in the properties of their fa her and mother irrespective of the caste, creed or community to which they belong, shall be equal. It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title, extent and cmmencement.* (1) This Act may be called the Women's Fundamental Right to Property Act, of 112

(2) It extends to the whole of Cochin State and shall come into force atonce.

2. *Womens right to property of parents.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law or custom, the share of a daughter in the properties, moveable or immovable, of her father and mother shall be equal to the share of a son irrespective of the caste, creed or community to which the father and mother belong.

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